

# Army doctors publish combat stress study

**Story by Courtney Hickson**  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — Soldiers deployed to the front lines of Iraq face a higher chance of developing post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental disorders than their counterparts in Afghanistan, a recent Army study reported.

The study, published in the July 1 New England Journal of Medicine, was led by Col. Charles W. Hoge, a medical doctor at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. It surveyed members of three Army units and one Marine unit.

The study was conducted with servicemembers who had various lengths of deployment.

Some Soldiers were surveyed in January 2003 before a year-long deployment to Iraq; the

second group responded to questions after a six-month deployment to Afghanistan; while a third group of Soldiers was surveyed after an eight-month deployment to Iraq.

The Marines were surveyed after a six-month deployment to Iraq. All who were surveyed were involved in hazardous security duties.

There were 5,386 Soldiers and 815 Marines in the survey.

Hoge said they focused exclusively on combat arms units and Army Infantry during the initial invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. This was done with the knowledge that these Soldiers and Marines would be more likely to have seen combat and have combat stress as a result.

“This is not generalized to all servicemembers,” he said. “The initial ground experiences may be different.”

Hoge said the study puts numbers to what is already known.

“What is unique is this is the first time we have looked at this so close to combat deployment,” he said.

Eighteen percent of the Soldiers who responded to the survey questions after returning home from Iraq had PTSD, almost double the number of Soldiers surveyed before deployment to Iraq. Only 11.5 percent of those returning from Afghanistan had the broad definition of PTSD.

Soldiers in Iraq had a significantly higher exposure to combat than those deployed to Afghanistan.

PTSD is “a psychiatric disorder that can occur following the experience or witnessing of life-threatening events such as military combat, natural disasters, terrorist incidents, serious accidents, or violent personal assaults like rape.

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# Iraqi Soldier: A story of common courage

Department of Defense

**BAGHDAD, Iraq**—A little more than a year ago, shortly before President Bush flew onto the USS Lincoln off the coast of San Diego and announced the end to the war in Iraq, Soldiers of the old Iraqi Army were already on their way home, resigned to defeat and an uncertain future.

Also uncertain has been the understanding of exactly what Soldiers in the new Iraqi Army have gone through since that time.

There are no stories of Iraqis with medals pinned to their chests like armor plating. There are no stories of courageous actions of Soldiers taking hills and enemy machine gun positions. The true story of Iraq is that of a nation that will one day do well by that standard.

Stories do exist of soldiers such as Iraqi Army Lt. Col. Ahmed Lutfi Ahmed Raheem - an officer in this country’s newly rebuilt army.

Ahmed hasn’t stormed any enemy positions lately. But he shows up for work everyday, like a lot of Soldiers in this army. And in this country, being typical is a standard that “courageous” never met.

For Ahmed, the decision to serve his country again began more than a year ago - 7,731 miles, and three weeks before the announcement on the USS Lincoln.

“April 9, 2003,” Ahmed said. “I don’t forget this day.”

“I was on my way home to Baghdad after my brigadier boss had told me the war was over and to go home,” Ahmed said, describing his last moments as a major in the old Iraqi Army air defense unit he had been with for nine years. “He said it was an order,” he added.

“So I walked home from our station in Al Hillah, south of Baghdad, but I didn’t change my clothes,” Ahmed said. “And I came to a Marine checkpoint on a bridge in Baghdad. And I still had my uniform on and the Marine sergeant stopped me.”

“Where are you going?” he asked me,” Ahmed said in his accented but surprisingly good English.

“And I tell him, ‘I am a major in the Iraqi Army and I was ordered to go to my house,’” Ahmed said, finishing the backdrop to a life-

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## Insignia change



*Col. Peter W. Foreman, 6th Cavalry Brigade commander, pins cavalry branch insignia on Chief Warrant Officer 3 Rob Kelly July 9 as Soldiers from the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade stand at attention. See pages 6 and 23 for stories.*

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## MP Blotter

The following entries were excerpted from the past several week's military police blotters. These entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

■ A military police investigation revealed that a servicemember lost his military identification card. The servicemember reported to the provost marshal office where he rendered a written sworn statement attesting to the incident. The servicemember said he noticed his ID card was missing and unsuccessfully searched for it.

■ The military police were notified a disorderly conduct and an assault. An investigation revealed that two servicemembers were involved in a verbal altercation, when a third servicemember approached and attempted to separate them, at which time one began pushing the other and cursing at him. The third servicemember attempted to calm one down; at which time he became more combative and belligerent towards the other. Upon arrival of military police, the combative servicemember was apprehended and transported to the provost marshal office, where MPs were attempting to process him when he charged towards an MP. He was subsequently taken to the ground and placed in leg irons. He was then transported to a Troop Medical Clinic where he was treated for minor cuts on his nose and chin, and was administered a command-directed legal breath and alcohol test by on-duty medical personnel, with results pending. He was transported back to the provost marshal office, where he was further processed and released to his unit. He was not administered a series of field sobriety tests due to his high level of intoxication and combativeness. He returned to the provost marshals office the next day, where he was advised of his legal rights, which he waived rendering a written sworn statement stating that he could not remember what had occurred. This is an alcohol-related incident.

■ A military police investigation disclosed that a person by means unknown removed a servicemember's video camera and bag containing a 256-megabyte memory card, the remote for the camcorder, the power cord, and a mini digital videotape from his room, which was secured and unattended. There were no signs of forced entry. Estimated cost of loss is about \$600. Investigation continues by military police.

## Commentary

### Don't believe everything you hear: 2ID Soldier

I am a staff sergeant assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment at Camp Casey. I feel the need to make a comment on some of this week's articles in your newspaper and the beloved Stars and Stripes. I keep reading about Soldiers saying Korea is the Duty Assignment of Choice and that Soldiers are reenlisting in record numbers to stay in Korea.

Can someone print the truth? You are reporting of Soldiers who are stationed in areas of Yongsan and further down south. And when you report of Soldiers reenlisting to remain in Korea, they reenlist with the intentions of being assigned down south. Then these Soldiers are left only to be told that they can't leave because higher will approve their extensions, but not their preference of duty station. So while you're busy making these statements, when you're doing all these surveys on quality of life down south (Yongsan), ask one the participants: Would they care to switch duty stations with someone up at Camps Casey, Greaves or Joint Security Area?

#### Morning Calm Weekly response

I am pleased to have your submission. Your interest in the Morning Calm Weekly is greatly appreciated. I too have trouble believing everything from one source when I hear something. For that reason, I watch FOXNEWS and CNN for balanced reporting.

Interested in your questioning, I called down to 8th Personnel Services Command's public affairs office to find some answers for myself. They are the unit and only source that keeps numbers on personnel serving here in the Republic of Korea, such as what we are looking for.

In a written statement to the Morning Calm Weekly, 8th PERSCOM said "As of July 12, 7,412 Soldiers have taken advantage of the (Assignment Incentive Pay) program. Of that number, about 40 percent or 2,851 Soldiers have been 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers."

About 37,000 personnel from the U.S. armed forces are stationed

in the ROK. If my math is correct, about 20 percent of that number have taken part in the U.S. Army's AIP program. As stated before, a good number of them are from up north. The second most populated area is Area II.

I can't speak for everyone when it comes to reenlisting to be reassigned somewhere else other than Area I in the ROK. I do know that 336 Soldiers have reenlisted in 8th Army during this fiscal year to stay in Korea. That doesn't include any of the AIP folks. I personally find it hard to believe that everyone in Area I feels the way you say they do.

As for the Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff, you got me. Only one of the four surveyed was from Area I. Of course, I'm sure you noticed that one of the surveyed was from the Joint Security Area. I think that was one of the areas mentioned in your list.

I believe that those up in Area I are well represented in the surveys though. Only two of the 12 issues printed with a survey have not included at least one person from up in that area.

Your recommended question will have to wait. In the meantime, you should know that there are a few of us who wouldn't mind serving their country wherever it needs us. That includes me. I volunteered to go back to Iraq. (I was there at the start of the war with the 82nd Airborne Division.) I was turned down on that request. I have since volunteered to be reassigned to Area I and it looks like it may actually be my new home in a few months.

Sgt. Andrew Kosterman  
Morning Calm Weekly Editor

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#### Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff:

### How do you stay dry during monsoon season?



"I keep my wet weather gear in my backpack." —  
Cpl. Kim Min-ho  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Support Area III, Camp Humphreys



"I keep umbrellas in my car and office." — Rick Jones,  
U.S. Army Support Area III Information Management Officer, Camp Humphreys



"I always check the weather forecasts and carry my wet weather gear." — Pfc. Jung Jae-won  
34th Support Group Yongsan



"I just carry a huge umbrella with me." —  
Roger Nurick,  
Installation Management Agency, Korea Region, Yongsan

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## NEWS & NOTES

### Gift Shop Closed

The Chosun Gift Shop is closed in July. It will reopen Aug. 4 and continue regularly scheduled hours:  
Wednesday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Free DMZ Tour for Students

High school and college students of U.S. military and civilian personnel and Department of State employees in Korea are welcome to a free demilitarized zone tour 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4. The program includes historical briefings and tours of Tunnel No. 3, Observation Post Dora, Camp Bonifas and Panmunjom. Reservations are required. Call Nel de Leon, U.S. Forces Korea Public Affairs Office, 723-4685, or send e-mail to deleonc@usfk.korea.army.mil by July 26.

### COLA Increase

The Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee recommended to the Military Advisory Panel an increase in Cost of Living Allowance for Korea. A 2-point increase in COLA allowance for all areas in Korea has been approved and is effective July 1. Refer to the per diem or 175fincom.korea.army.mil web site for service member specific increases in COLA allowance.

### Registration at Seoul American Elementary School

The main office at SAES is open to register children, Kindergarten through fifth-grade. For those who just moved in Seoul and are command sponsored to Yongsan or who missed reregistration, come to Army community Service Building, Room 121. For more information, call 736-4478 at SAES.

### Shoppette Closure

Yongsan Main Post Shoppette will be closed on Tuesday for an organizational day.

### Correction

The source for the article about Government Travel Charge Cards was Betty J. Jones, not Betty Davis.

### Eighth United States Army G-4 Logistics Conference

The 8th U.S. Army G4 Logistics Conference will be held at the 8th U.S. Army Headquarters' Van Fleet Room July 28 and the multipurpose training facility July 29 to 30 on Yongsan Main Post.

Hosted by the 8th Army G-4, the symposium is a theater logistics orientation to key logistics personnel, information briefings on theater support organizations, current and future logistics issues to enhance theater logistics, lessons learned from current operations and a forum to raise critical logistical readiness issues.

Security clearance verification or command post Oscar badge is required prior to entrance to the Van Fleet Room for all secret briefings. There is a participation fee of \$8 for personnel planning to attend these events. For registration information, contact Capt. Kevin Heinonen, DSN 723-3270 or Capt. Ed Cook, DSN 723-4437.

### Career Management Briefings

Army Materiel Command Forward-Far East and Contracting Command-Korea are sponsoring an Acquisition Career Management team from the Department of the Army Acquisition Support Center to conduct information briefings on the Army Acquisition Workforce and Acquisition Career Management. Briefings will be held at 8-11:30 a.m. on Monday at the Balboni Theatre in Seoul, and Wednesday at the Camp Henry Theatre in Daegu.

For additional information or to schedule an interview contact 724-3035 in Seoul or 768-7883 in Daegu.

## Why Korea is the Duty Assignment of Choice



PHOTO BY STEVE DAVIS

A Korean crew drives piles into the ground at a Camp Humphreys barracks renovation site. Five barracks presently are under being renovation to improve the quality of life for Soldiers. The piles will support new exterior balcony corridors. The cost of renovating the five buildings is about \$17 million.

## Finance spells out an overlooked entitlement

### 175th Finance Command

**YONGSAN** — As servicemembers are presently arriving in country, the 175th Finance Command would like to address one often overlooked payment: the dislocation allowance.

DLA is intended to partially reimburse servicemembers for the expenses incurred as the result of a move. Because payment of DLA takes place after completion of a permanent change of station move, servicemembers often don't complete the travel paperwork needed to receive this significant entitlement.

Fortunately, even if servicemembers forgot to file the travel voucher, it is never too late. As the amount of the allowance varies depending on one's situation, the most common cases are presented below.

The simplest case is a married servicemember on an accompanied tour. Payment of DLA is provided upon completion of a dependent travel voucher.

Single or unaccompanied servicemembers moving into economy housing are authorized DLA at the without-dependents rate. DLA is only paid to single servicemembers when they move into economy housing.

Those belonging to this category need to provide a copy of their statement of non-availability from the housing office along with their travel voucher.

If the servicemember has already completed finance in-processing, a supplemental travel voucher is required. Payment of DLA for family members will be discussed below.

Unaccompanied servicemembers who are authorized to move family members to a specified location are also entitled to DLA for their family members.

One other case often encountered here in Korea is an unaccompanied tour followed by an accompanied tour. If a servicemember previously serving an "all others" tour receives a follow-on accompanied tour, authorizing

command sponsorship of family members, he is entitled to DLA at the with-dependents rate.

Servicemembers and their families forced to occupy or vacate government family housing for various reasons such as renovation, fire or floods, to name a few, are authorized partial DLA. This payment, however, is not automatic. Servicemembers must attach a copy of their orders mandating the move to a travel voucher for processing.

There are a number of other situations for which servicemembers may or may not be entitled to DLA.

DLA cannot normally be paid twice within the same fiscal year; however, there are some exceptions.

For more information visit the respective finance office, refer to chapter 5 of the JFTR, or visit the per diem committee site at: <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/dla.html>. Rate tables and additional information are available at: <http://175fincom.korea.army.mil>.

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People who suffer from PTSD often relive the experience through nightmares and flashbacks, have difficulty sleeping, and feel detached or estranged. These symptoms can be severe enough and last long enough to significantly impair the person's daily life," according to the National Center for PTSD Web site.

When asked if they have received professional help in the past months — which could have been help from a mental health care profession, a general medical doctor or a clergy member — 11 percent of Soldiers returning from Iraq said yes.

In the same group, more than 16 percent said they were interested in receiving professional help, while 19.5 percent had a perceived moderate or severe problem.

Many Soldiers, who need mental health care the most, said they are not seeking treatment out of fear of being stigmatized the survey reported.

Of those meeting the screening criteria for a mental disorder, the largest perceived barrier — at 65 percent — was "I would be seen as weak."

The next largest barrier was "My unit leadership might treat me differently," at 63 percent.

Hoge said the perception of being stigmatized with a mental health disease is not unique to the military but there are some factors such as cohesion and leadership that are unique.

"They are perceived that they may be treated differently but that may not be the reality," he said. "But it could be enough to not want to seek help."

One of the challenges now is to find a way to reduce the stigma and encourage Soldiers to seek treatment, Hoge said.

In addition to Hoge, Army and Navy doctors performed and wrote study results. It is part of a larger ongoing study that will be reported on in the future.

Hoge said they will be looking at in greater detail factors shown in this study and looking to improve mental health and intervention to help the Soldiers. The study took more than two years to complete and had support from the highest levels of the Army from the beginning, Hoge said.

## Soldier

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defining moment he had not seen coming; and on what was supposed to be just a long 50-plus mile walk home to his wife and five children.

The encounter would prove to be a pivotal one for the military veteran because for the next two anxious minutes, Ahmed went through what must be emotions impossible to describe to someone who has never known he was about to die. It was more the result of the 33-year-old's lifetime of experience with the ways of Saddam Hussein.

Ahmed, though, was actually two minutes away from a rebirth of sorts.

"He looked at me for a while and I thought he was going to kill me," Ahmed said. "But he didn't kill me," he added.

"Instead he came to the position of attention and saluted me as an officer," Ahmed said, "And said. 'Sir you can go.'"

"I took a few steps and began to cry," he said, "because I think, 'Why do I fight these people for 10 years?"

"This moment changed me from the inside," Ahmed said. "What he did was kill me without pistol. He killed the old major in the Iraqi Army who fought America from 1993 to 2003."

Ahmed was advised by a U.S. Army officer to apply at the recruiting center in Baghdad and was ushered into the army a short time later as an "officer candidate." After training, he was commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the new army having made the cut for promotion from his former rank in the old army.

Ahmed's story, though, doesn't end there. The now 34-year-old engineering graduate from the University of Baghdad and career Iraqi Army officer has since endured great personal tests in his first year of service in the new Iraqi Army that have reaffirmed his commitment to serving his country.

In February 2004, Ahmed, a Soldier whose face belies his real age with the tell-tale signs of a man who has lived a hard life, was at the Baghdad Recruiting Center when a blast killed more than 47 earlier in the year. The psychological toll was great, but he came back.

Several weeks ago, he saw the aftermath of the latest blast at the center only minutes after the attack that left another 35 dead. The wounds were re-opened, but he came back.

And two months ago on May 15, he was kidnapped by members of the Shiite Muslim Cleric, Moqtada al-Sadr's Mehdi army on a bridge in Baghdad when a vehicle filled with five armed men forced his truck to the side of the road before forcing him into the front seat of their car for transport to a hidden safe-house.

Ahmed was beaten and pistol-whipped before being knocked unconscious only to be interrogated later by the insurgent terrorists for his association with the new Iraqi Army and the Coalition.

Ultimately he was told not to work with the Coalition anymore and released by the militiamen, but not before they stripped him of his uniform, weapon, cell phone and the

vehicle that had been issued to him by the Coalition.

"I said, 'Sir, I lost my pistol, my mobile, my uniform and my vehicle,'" Ahmed said, describing the humiliating moment he faced upon returning to the OST headquarters later that day to report the catastrophe.

He had begged the militiamen to kill him thinking the loss of equipment was the end of his military career. But when the Coalition officer Ahmed worked with found out that everything he had been issued had been lost that morning, the officer's response surprised Ahmed.

"And when he saw me crying," Ahmed said, "he stood up and gave me another key to a vehicle. And gave me another pistol and another mobile phone."

"Don't worry, we trust you," he said," Ahmed said.

"I really love America for this," Ahmed said. "This is what I wish I could tell every Iraqi."

Ahmed, like so many others in the Iraqi

Security

Forces who show up for work everyday, knows that security and protection from the individuals bent on

denying Iraq its chance at freedom is paramount to his country's future.

"I want to provide security to my country," Ahmed said.

"Saddam Hussein didn't just destroy the buildings and the streets," Ahmed said. "He destroyed something inside of all Iraqis. He destroyed the truth and something inside us.

"You know what Saddam Hussein did inside us from 1979 to 2003?" asks Ahmed. "He was president of Iraq for 25 years. In this period of time what did he teach Iraq? What did Saddam teach Iraq? Fight. Take your rifle. Take your pistol and fight. Fight, fight. Fight for what? Eight years with Iran - fight for nothing. And he told us to go to Kuwait and steal. And he laughed. He taught the people how to steal. He made people forget Islam and the Al Koran.

"So now inside of all Iraqis it is just to 'fight,'" Ahmed said. "And now we're fighting between us.

"I do my best, though," Ahmed said. "I do my best to protect my country and to give my country its security."

And he does one more thing that doesn't earn medals in any army on earth: he continues to show up for work.

And in the face of suicide bombings, targetings, and abductions and beatings, in Iraq, this is just the typical story common to all the 230,000-plus Iraqi Army Soldiers and police service officers choosing to serve their country.

It's not a story of the courageous actions of Soldiers storming enemy machinegun positions. And there are no medals awarded for the simple act. But it's a typical story of valor in this country.

And it's a standard that courage never met.

***"He looked at me for a while and I thought he was going to kill me, but he didn't kill me. Instead he came to the position of attention and saluted me as an officer." - Iraqi Army Lt. Col. Ahmed Lutfi Ahmed Raheem***

# Monsoon season yields potential fury

*USFK suffered \$242 million in lost or damaged property in 1998*

Story, photo by David McNally  
Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — The power of nature's fury is here. Every year Korea experiences seasonal rains. These monsoons bring heavy rain, low visibility and low cloud ceilings.

For U.S. Forces Korea servicemembers, June to September is the time of year to be on the look out for rainfall's severe impact on operations.

Officials say Soldiers have good reason to respect monsoon season. Four U.S. soldiers, and more than 300 Korean civilians, were killed during monsoon season in 1998. USFK suffered \$242 million in lost or damaged property.

In 1999, a 2nd Infantry Division soldier died in a flash flood in Warrior Country and the rains of 2000 caused floods at Yongsan Army Garrison in Seoul. Damage was extensive. A typhoon in August 2003 caused \$4 million in damage across the republic.

"Some seasons are heavier than others," said William Kapaku, the civilian executive assistant for U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud. "Over a period of time people tend to forget, and with the turnover of our troops, some have never experienced monsoons."

In Korea, it is possible to have more than 20-inches of rainfall in a 24-hour period.

"The key is awareness," said Jeff Holbrook an operations officer for Installation Management Agency - Korea Region Office. "Ironically, we go through a personnel transition this time of year."

Many people come to Korea that have never been here before and know nothing of the dangers caused by a storm."

Holbrook says many newcomers have no idea of the mountainous nature of Korea and the serious consequences of heavy rains in this type of topography."

Monsoons and typhoons, during a 30-40 day period, account for more that 50 percent of annual Korean rainfall. However, U.S. military officials have a plan and people on installation staffs have parts to play.

"We execute the plan in phases," Kapaku said. "Phase one is preparation and planning. We have been doing that since April."

In phase one, workers clear debris



Camp Red Cloud firefighters close the north floodgate Monday during a readiness exercise. In an emergency, firefighters would open the gates to clear debris. Heavy rain early this week brought the water to its highest levels this year.

from ditches on the sides of roads and streambeds on installations. They fill sand bags, and store them – just in case. Commanders conduct periodic risk assessments, and identify potential problem areas. Key staff members update alert rosters, so they can react when the weather turns sour.

Key elements of the severe weather plan include:

- Planning
- Warning
- Destructive weather
- Post-destructive weather recovery
- Lessons learned

"If there is any lesson the flood of 1998 taught us, it was to do everything humanly possible to prepare for monsoon season."

Weather advisories or warnings trigger the warning phase. In Seoul, the Installation Management Agency-Korea Region forms a destructive weather response team. Area commands go into action.

"Protecting lives and property is my top priority," said Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander. "We have positioned ourselves to be ready for whatever monsoon season gives us."

During emergency conditions, the action phase of the plan goes into gear. Area commanders account for their people, and respond to conditions. This

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## Forecasters strive to be right

Story by David McNally  
Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — To know when bad weather will strike, and react quickly to rapidly changing situations is what commanders consider the tactical advantage on the battlefield.

In Warrior Country, the 2nd Infantry Division gets that advantage from U.S. Air Force weather forecasters at Detachment 1, 607th Weather Squadron.

"My forecasters provide me with a 48-hour weather forecast for Area I," said Air Force Capt. Brian Schroeder, detachment commander. "Twice on weekdays, and once daily on weekends, we provide the information

to the 2nd Infantry Division commanding general and his staff."

If a chance of flooding is likely, Schroeder could bring his forecasters into 24-hour operations. On-duty forecasters stay in constant contact with the 20th Operational Weather Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

"They are our hub of operations," he said. "They have a large number of resources and experienced personnel at the 20th to forecast for the entire Pacific Region including Area I."

This network of weather units, including the 607th Weather Squadron at Yongsan Army Garrison, helps to tailor forecasts for the Korean peninsula.

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### FLOODCON WARNINGS

- Level 1:** Initial flood readiness condition is declared by the garrison or area commander at the beginning of flood season.
- Level 2:** Probable flooding, a warning and alert condition. This level indicates a potential for more than 5 inches of rainfall in 5 hours.
- Level 3:** Flooding is imminent. The condition is declared when forecasters predict 2 inches of rain in 1 hour, or more than 4 inches in 6 hours.

ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID MCNALLY

## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Camp Red Cloud  
Commissary**

The Camp Red Cloud commissary has changed its store hours to 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and closed Monday. For more information, call 732-7649 or 732-7604.

**Army-Wide Personnel  
Assessment Inventory**

All Soldiers are required to attend the Army-wide Personnel Assessment Inventory training to be conducted 8 a.m. – noon July 29 at Camp Red Cloud and Aug. 5 at Camp Casey. For more information, contact the command sergeants major at each garrison.

**Health Science Advanced  
Counseling Course**

The Behavioral Science Academy will host the health science advanced counseling course Aug. 9 – 13 at Camp Casey. Twenty seats are available. For more information, call 730-1229.

**Job Fair**

The 2004 Korea Job Fair is scheduled Sept. 15 at Camp Mobile by appointment only. For more information, call 730-4044, or preregister online at <http://www.morejobs.net>.

**National Kid's Day**

National Kid's Day will be observed in Area I Aug. 6 at Camp Casey. For more information, call 732-9177.

**Korean Security Guard  
Weapons Qualification**

The Camp Red Cloud Garrison will hold its Korean Security Guard weapons qualification Aug. 2 – 3. For more information, call 732-9103.

**Interactive Customer  
Evaluation**

Interactive Customer Evaluation training will be conducted Aug. 2 – 6 at Camp Red Cloud. For more information, call 732-8514.

**501st Corps Support Group**

The 501st Corps Support Group change of command will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Camp Casey. For more information, call 732-8583.

**Concert on the Green**

The Concert on the Green performance will be 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. July 21 on the Camp Red Cloud Village Green.

**Area I 'Hail and Farewell'**

Area I's hail and farewell will be held from 5 – 7 p.m. Aug. 12 at Camp Casey.

**Senior Softball  
Championship**

Warrior Country women and men, age 33 plus, Senior Softball Championship will be Saturday and Sunday at Camp Red Cloud. For more information, call 732-7767.

**Company-Level Softball  
Championship**

Warrior Country Company level Softball Championship will be Wednesday - July 23 at Camp Casey Stewart Field. For more information, call 730-2322.

## Warrant officers look to future

**Ceremonies welcome new  
rank, branch insignia**

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP CASEY** — Warrior country warrant officers gathered for ceremonies July 9 to celebrate the 86th birthday of their corps and the remodeling of their career field.

Army officials made major changes in how warrant officers are perceived and managed. They eliminated the "rising eagle" branch insignia of the warrant officer corps, and introduced a new rank insignia for the chief warrant officer 5 rank.

"It's no longer the officer corps and the warrant officer corps," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bill Everett, Company D, 702nd Main Support Battalion. "We're now one big happy family."

Everett was among the 57 Division Support Command warrant officers to pin on officer branch insignia at a Camp Casey theater ceremony.

"This group of professionals is often overlooked," said Col. Richard Poole, Division Support Command commander, "They're overlooked in my estimation because they don't seek the limelight."

Poole congratulated the warrant officers individually as he personally welcomed them into their respective branches.

"They have already served these branches without fanfare for years," Poole said.

"We all know the Army is changing and transforming very quickly right now to meet the world threat," Everett said.

Everett admitted some senior warrant officers regret losing their distinguishing branch insignia.

"People who haven't had it on long don't realize the heritage behind it," Everett said. "I think all of us are coming together to support this."

"The Army is all about change and today on the birthday of the warrant officer corps we are making change," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Bernard



Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bill Everett furls the 2nd Infantry Division warrant officer colors July 9 at a Camp Casey ceremony. Everett said the colors would later be framed and presented to the 2nd Infantry Division Museum.

Satterfield, the Division Support Command senior warrant officer. "Nothing is more difficult to arrange, more doubtful of success and more dangerous to carry through than initiating change."

Satterfield now wears the new chief warrant officer 5 rank insignia, a single black line down the length of a silver bar. He said the change is more than cosmetic.

"It will bring a focus on training and leadership development requirements for the warrant officer," Satterfield said.

Satterfield said the change will clarify the roles of warrant officers. He said

the Army conducted a survey a couple of years ago to ask how to improve the warrant officer corps.

Poole described warrant officers as technical experts in the fields they represent.

"I think if you polled the warrant officers, they probably would just as soon have done without this ceremony," Poole said. "They would have said, 'Hey sir, I've got mission to do.' But, this is just too important an event to let go by without giving them the dues and honors they deserve."

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## Forecasters

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Officials issue warnings and advisories for heavy rainfall when forecasters expect 3 inches of rain in 12 hours, or 5 inches in 24 hours.

"Command Center Seoul relays warnings to my on-duty forecaster, to me, and to people at affected sites," Schroeder said.

Schroeder discusses the warnings and advisories with the division chief of staff and Area I commander. Based on this information, garrison and Area I officials may announce flood condition warnings and appropriate crisis action measures.

"During this time of year we're aware there's a more active weather picture," Schroeder said. "I'm confident in the abilities of my forecasters to provide the most superior weather information to the 2nd Infantry Division and Area I."

Knowledge is power according to the weather forecaster's mantra. During this monsoon season Schroeder hopes his forecasters are powerful.

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# Soldiers welcome renovated dining facility

Story, photo by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — The 122nd Signal Battalion Dining Facility reopened its doors July 6 after three months of extensive renovations.

Repairs include new floors, ceiling, windows and bathrooms; a takeout service window; central heating and air conditioning; and several coats of paint.

The update was much needed, said Sgt. 1st Class John Desselle, DFAC manager.

“Last winter, everyone was freezing because the storm windows were not good,” he said. “Now we have heat and air conditioning. There were also some problems with a leaky roof and plumbing, but all of those issues have been addressed.”

In addition to physical improvements, the facility also got a new name. Now called the Charles E. Kilbourne Dining Facility, it was renamed after the only Signal Corps officer to win the Medal of Honor while performing a combat communications mission.

The overall effect of the changes is one of relaxation and ease, Desselle said.

“For our customers, just being comfortable while they eat is the biggest benefit,” he said. “Personally,

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Spc. Jason Moslander (right) helps Staff Sgt. Clarence Rice take advantage of the new takeout service window July 6 at the renovated Kilbourne Dining Facility at Camp Red Cloud. Both Soldiers are from Company D, 122nd Signal Battalion.

## Equal opportunity instructors target perceptions

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

It is “ladies’ night at the club tonight,” reads the announcement. The Army instructor asks the students if there is any problem with the common club practice to give women free entrance.

The students in the equal opportunity representative course are tentative in declaring it a problem.

“When is men’s night?” asks Master Sgt. Anthony Pugh, Area I equal opportunity advisor and instructor for the 10-day course.

“The men are going to be there regardless,” offers one male noncommissioned officer.

Pugh goes on to explain how the practice is discriminatory. It is all part of the learning process for Soldiers who will soon formally assume duties as their unit commander’s eyes and ears for equal opportunity.

“So far, I feel the course is benefiting everyone,” said Sgt. Genesia Foster, 46th Transportation Company, Camp Humphreys. “We’re from all different walks of life and this course gives us the chance to see other people’s perceptions.”

Eighteen U.S. and Korean

Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers from all across Korea will graduate from the course today. Pugh said 501st Corps Support Group Soldiers joined the quarterly class to make it a joint effort between Area I and the 501st.

The course provided an in-depth view of the Army’s equal opportunity programs and policies. Instructors talked about sexual harassment, conflict management and women in the military. Soldiers used open forums to discuss everything from discrimination to power to different ethnic groups’ experiences.

“This is my second tour in Korea,” Foster said.

**“I find the biggest challenge is getting rid of stereotypes.”**

— Master Sgt. Anthony Pugh



Master Sgt. Anthony Pugh, Area I equal opportunity advisor, teaches a class July 8 at Camp Red Cloud.

“I think we’ve come a long way working together and taking into consideration different cultures.”

“Miscommunication can sometimes cause problems between KATUSA and U.S. Soldiers,” said Cpl. Jung Won-gil, 46th Transportation Company, Camp Humphreys. “I think a class like this helps to remove problems.”

“I find the biggest challenge is getting rid of stereotypes,” Pugh said.

Sgt. 1st Class Walter Batey, 501st Corps Support Group equal opportunity advisor, agreed.

“I think the first challenge is to get people to open up and admit they have stereotypes,” Batey said “After that happens, you get the kind of lively discussions you hear in there.”

“We want these Soldiers to make a difference,” Pugh said. “We want them to not be afraid when they see something is wrong, and to stand up for what’s right.”

“Equal opportunity is a way of life,” Batey said. “The Army says we are a diverse institution; therefore, we all need to get to know who we’re working with. It’s the law of the land.”

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## Camp Stanley CAC reopens

Story by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs

**CAMP STANLEY** — Local Soldiers joined camp officials in a ceremony to celebrate the reopening of the Community Activities Center Monday.

The center was closed for three months while it was “basically gutted” for renovations, said Jimmie Dobbs, Camp Stanley community activities director.

“We totally refurbished the entire facility,” he said. “There is a new kitchen, new bathrooms, and an expanded arts and crafts center and cyber café.”

One of the biggest changes was the addition of a music room. The music room is a place where Soldiers can practice playing instruments, from guitars to the piano, Dobbs explained.

Last year, a band from Camp Stanley won the Army-wide Battle of the Bands contest and was awarded \$8,000 to expand the community’s music program. The money funded the creation of the music room.

“This project was desperately needed,” Dobbs said. “With these changes, the center will do three big things for Camp Stanley: First, it will allow us to expand our club programs; second, it will give the Soldiers a place to come where they can unwind; and third, it will help us meet our mission of providing world-class leisure opportunities for our customers.”

Col. Ross Ridge, Division Artillery commander, agreed.

“This building really needed a good facelift to be able to continue to support the Soldiers here at Camp Stanley,” he said. “This is a great opportunity to continue to expand the facilities that we have here at Camp Stanley. I appreciate all the hard work and effort that went into getting us these facilities.”

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means manpower placing sand bags, controlling traffic, relocating equipment, performing search and rescue operations, and evacuating and sheltering victims.

Heavy rains create hazardous conditions. There are dangers from lightning, reduced visibility when driving, and hydroplaning. However, possibly the most serious danger comes from flash floods.

"In 1998 we had a major catastrophe at Camp Stanley," said Kapaku.

The infamous 1998 floodwaters weakened part of the mountain that overlooks Camp Stanley. The terrific weight and power of the water sent mud, rocks and large boulders crashing down the mountain.

"It was very humbling to see part of the mountain collapse," Kapaku said. "The boulders blocked the upper ammunition holding area."

The 2nd Infantry Division reacted immediately by sending a Camp Howze engineer platoon to clear the debris, and reopen access to the ammunition. Monsoon season, Kapaku said, can have a big impact on the division's "fight tonight" readiness.

In the post-destructive weather recovery phase, officials assess damage. Area commanders integrate key staff members to assist in disaster assistance. Units immediately move to clean up the aftermath and minimize health hazards.

"We know the power of what happened in 1998," Kapaku said. "That was when we were unprepared that we suffered the most damage."

Kapaku said his people are now constantly prepared for the worst. This is because of lessons learned from past disasters — lessons that were hard earned.

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PHOTO BY DAVID MCNALLY

*Yi Hae-chun, a Camp Red Cloud firefighter, inspects the installation's north floodgate Monday during a readiness exercise.*

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I'm most excited about not being in a tent anymore!"

The facility is not completely finished, he added. Upcoming changes will include a kitchen overhaul and gradual changes in decor.

"There's still a lot to be done, but we'll get there," he said. "By the time it's all completed, this will be the best DFAC in Korea."

The dining facility renovation is one

of several quality-of-life improvements taking place at Camp Red Cloud, said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander.

"It is a milestone in a never-ending duty to improve CRC for our customers and to make Korea an assignment of choice," Vines said.

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# VA takes care of those who served



**Benefits and Entitlements for Retirees**

**Part One**

Story by Alex Harrington  
 Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — “In war, there are no unwounded soldiers,” quoted famous author José Narosky. With the violence in the Middle East the American government and its leaders will continue to deal with the images of wounded men and women, those who have endured physical and emotional scars from their selfless dedication to country.

While the Department of Defense and its branches relinquishes responsibility to separating veterans who served for their country, the Department of Veterans Affairs is ready to pick up the pieces by helping those who borne the scars of service with disability compensation, education and training and home loans.

The staffers at the Yongsan VA Benefits Delivery at Discharge Center, which has existed for just over three years, processes disability compensation claims for separating active duty servicemembers.

The VA center is the only one serving the peninsula and one of only two offices, the other in Germany, outside the United States.

All separating servicemembers and veterans, who have incurred an injury or aggravated an existing one during military service can file a claim with the center for disability



*Tiffany J. Lassen, disability rating specialist, and Erica P. Worthington, officer manager at the Yongsan VA Benefits Delivery at Discharge Center, which has existed for just over three years, process disability compensation claims for separating active-duty service members.*

compensation, says Erica Worthington, the center’s supervisor.

“Generally, any separating service member may file a VA claim for service connected disabilities,” said Worthington.

In addition, Worthington noted, people separating from the military should visit the VA office between 90 and 180 days before they leave the peninsula.

“We could better service those who have between 90

to 180 days until discharge or leaving their local command,” said Worthington, adding, “This includes terminal leave and permissive temporary duty orders.”

The VA office will generally not accept claims for disability compensation if a servicemember has less than 90 days, although she says they will take these on a case by case basis.

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# 1st Signal Brigade welcomes new commander

Story by Sgt. Donald Smith  
 1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** – Signal Soldiers gathered to welcome their new commander, Col. Lawarren Patterson and bid farewell to Col. Ronald Bouchard in a ceremony at Knight Field June 30.

In a separate ceremony Bouchard was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal by Maj. Gen. James Hylton, commanding general of the Department of the Army’s Network Enterprise Technology Command and 9th Army Signal Command, for his exceptional meritorious service as the commander of the brigade.

Bouchard will move on to serve under Gen. Leon LaPorte, commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea.

In a heartfelt goodbye Bouchard said, “I am leaving wonderful people and the best signal brigade in the U.S. Army.”

Patterson, a 24-year veteran of the Army, recently served on the G6 staff as the command, control, communications and computers system, space and networks division chief at the Pentagon.

“To my Korean counterparts and friends, my lovely wife, Jule and I look forward to working with you,” Patterson said.

Patterson closed his remarks with a quote from Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway’s speech during the Korean War. Referring to members of the brigade, Patterson said, “I will give you my utmost. I shall expect the same from you.”

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*Col. Lawarren Patterson, commander of the 1st Signal Brigade, receives the brigade colors from Maj. Gen. James Hylton, commander of the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command and 9th Army Signal Command, during the brigade change of command ceremony at Knight Field June 30.*

## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Community Health Care Forum**

There will be a community health care forum 10 a.m. today at the main conference room of the Army Community Service building. For more information, call 737-3045.

**U.S. Army Recruitment**

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Kent. will brief on qualifications and application procedures to applicants interested in becoming U.S. Army warrant Officers. Recruitment will be held 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. today at the multipurpose training facility. For more information, call 723-5558.

**American Red Cross**

The following courses are scheduled for the month of July.

- Baby-sitting 9 a.m. - noon. today - Saturday.
- ARC Orientation 10 a.m. - noon Monday.
- Youth Orientation 10 a.m. - July 24

For more information, call 738-3760.

**Job Employment**

There is a job opening for an outreach program coordinator. Applications must submitted before 8 a.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 724-3311 or e-mail at [sinsonga@korea.army.mil](mailto:sinsonga@korea.army.mil).

**Women's Summer Bible Study and Fellowship**

There are Protestant Women of the Chapel and Military Council of Catholic Women for worship, bible study and fellowship sessions 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. every Wednesday. The sessions run through Aug. 4 at South Post Chapel. For more information, call 796-5982.

**Ethnic Hair Care Training**

Army and Air Force Exchange Service will conduct ethnic hair care training at its beauty salons. AAFES conducts this training to ensure that stylists have the most up-to-date training and products and are certified to care for all types of hair. Yongsan beauty shops will be closed Wednesday. For more information, call 738-7403.

**National Kids' Day**

The Area II will celebrate National Kids' Day 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Seoul American Elementary School. For more information, call 738-5556.

**American Forces Spouses' Club**

The American Forces Spouses' Club is seeking organization or clubs who would be interested in setting up an information table at its annual welcome and sign-up reception. The welcome and sign-up reception will be held 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. For more information, call 736-8119.

**SNGC Nominations**

Sung Nam Golf Club is seeking nominations for six at-large members. Candidates must be advanced green fee members. Nominations are open to active-duty, DoD civilians or family members. Please submit short profile - name, membership number, contact information and short statement for wanting to serve on the council. For more information, call 738-7446.

**Commander's Hotline**

A Commander's hotline e-mail address, [areaitownhall@korea.army.mil](mailto:areaitownhall@korea.army.mil), is available. For more information, call 738-5017.

## Koreans bid emotional farewell to U.S. Army Soldier

Story by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Teddy C. Datuin

1st Signal Brigade

**YONGSAN** — A U.S. Army warrant officer received a touching farewell from Korean students and Soldiers for his kindness and Katchi Kapshida spirit at the Yongsan Army Community Service center June 26.

Because of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jesse Dean's kindheartedness toward people and ability to typify the essence of Katchi Kapshida, which means 'lets go together' in Hangul, he received gifts and accolades from 15 Korean college students and eight Americans.

"Chief Warrant Officer Dean set a great example of how to commit to build positive relationships with the surrounding community," said Capt. Mac Guzman, 14th Signal Detachment, 1st Signal Brigade detachment commander. "He took every opportunity to show we are good neighbors and he left a legacy of how to continue to be a positive force in the community."

During the special occasion Dean received a ceramic kimchi bowl from Michael Lee, an ACS volunteer and a Kookmin University faculty member.

"It's been a long time since we bid farewell to a Soldier as part of the ACS Korean language program," said Lee. "This is the first time that we have a farewell treat to a Soldier involved in the ACS Korean language

and good neighbor program, where a local group of university faculty members and students are the main participants."

"Chief Warrant Officer Dean exemplified the meaning of 'Katchi Kapshida', which means 'lets go together,'" added Lee.

Dean received many other gifts and thank you letters from Korean college students who were touched by his kindheartedness toward people.

While presenting Dean a frame with two Korean traditional masks Lim Chang-Won said, "We are very grateful for Chief Warrant Dean and his kindness."

Other Korean college students like Yu Jin Park and Mijung Han, both sophomores at Kookmin University, presented Dean with a compact disc of memorable photos and a traditional Korean fan, saying, "He will remember us when the weather is warm."

In his closing remarks Dean said, "You made my one-year tour here a very memorable one. Thank you. I will never forget you."

Dean worked for the 8th U.S. Army G-4, as a senior communications-electronics maintenance officer. He will be assigned to the 35th Signal Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C. as the S-4 senior communications-electronics maintenance officer.

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## Veterans

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Many servicemembers believe they must complete part I and II of their physical exams before they file a claim at the VA office, but this is not true says Tiffany Lassen, disability rating specialist.

"Servicemembers should come to see us as soon as they know their discharge date," said Lassen. "We can begin their VA claim before the physical exam's part I and II is scheduled. If servicemembers wait until after they receive their part II exam, it may be too late to file a claim with our office."

Servicemembers need to visit the VA office between 90-180 days of their Date Eligible for Return from Overseas Service date—the day they leave Korea, not their discharge or retirement date, Lassen said.

"If servicemembers wait 90 days prior to their discharge or retirement date, we probably will not have enough time to work their claim before they depart," said Lassen.

"For those who are planning to stay in Korea," Lassen noted, "the 90-180 days does not necessarily apply. But, if they come to us with less than 30 days before their discharge or retirement date we may not be able to work their case."

Separating servicemembers should expect help with paperwork and applications necessary to qualify for various veterans benefits.

"Between 10 and 15 percent of service members who leave the military qualify for a compensation program that pays them for disabilities or injuries which occurred during service," said Worthington.

Staffers at the office say they already see 400-500 soldiers a month, but want more to know about the services they provide.

"The numbers go up and down throughout the year, but with walk-ins and appointments, we usually see about 450 people a month, and offer them information or help with processing," she said.

Officially, the office serves to help servicemembers who are leaving the military register for the Benefits Delivery at

Discharge program, but they can assist soldiers and retirees with questions on nearly any aspect of veterans' benefits.

"We primarily serve the Active duty, but will assist veterans, retirees, and reservist with their needs and who want apply for VA benefits," Worthington said.

Virtually all monetary benefits—compensation, pension, and educational assistance—are payable regardless of place of residence or nationality. However, there are some program limitations at the VA center.

"Military personnel, veterans, and retirees, who work and live here in Korea may participate in our home loan guaranty program," said Worthington. "However, the home must be purchased in the United States and its territories."

Additionally, those leaving the military can qualify for education programs, vocational training programs, and various health care benefits, she added.

According to Veterans Benefits Timetable, a document provided by VA, disability compensation is when VA pays monthly compensation to veterans for

disabilities incurred or aggravated during military service.

"Generally speaking, a disability for VA purposes is a condition that has chronic residuals of a disease or injury," Worthington indicated. "The condition must first manifest while on active duty, or if something existed prior to military service, it must have been aggravated, or permanently worsened, by military service. The term chronic normally refers to something that is of long duration, or said in another way, something that has not resolved or not likely to resolve in the future."

The VA Benefits Delivery at Discharge Center is located in Yongsan, Building 4037, just across from the Dragon Hill Lodge on South Post. The office is open weekdays, and appointments can be made by calling DSN 738-5121.

**Editors Note:** This is Part One of three in a series of how the services and benefits servicemembers receive when they depart military service.

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## Open House at Sungnam



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The 164th Air Traffic Services Group hosted a open house for families of Sungnam. The open house began with an exchange of gifts, followed by a barbeque, and then a tour of a tactical air traffic control tower, a barrack's room, and a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter that was provided by 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment.

## Yongsan community service organizations enhance quality of life for USFK community



*Vivian Milner, a volunteer and member with the American Forces Spouses Club, places new merchandise on the shelves at the Chosun Gift Shop, located at Yongsan Garrison, South Post.*

**Story, photo by Alex Harrington**

Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — Community-minded service organizations like the American Forces Spouses Club and Men of the Morning Calm can be considered valuable for the Yongsan community because they contribute to the quality of life and welfare for both Koreans and Americans.

Nearly two years ago the Seoul American Officers and Civilian Spouses Club and the Enlisted Spouses Club combined to form AFSC.

In 1995, the MOTMC was organized as a Christ-centered, nondenominational group of men who focus to become great fathers, husbands and males leaders in the community.

The AFSC and MOTMC's activities and programs directly impact the welfare of Koreans and Americans through their active involvement in community service, according to the the AFSC Web site. At the same time the club offers members and volunteers tangible benefits in social camaraderie and practical skills and experiences for future employment.

Since June 2002 AFSC has helped adult, high school and college students continue their education with academic scholarships.

The AFSC has given more than \$35,000 in academic scholarships this year, said Julie McRee, AFSC president.

The donations used for scholarships, community and charitable causes come from earned revenues at AFSC's sister organization, the Chosun Gift Shop, which is the club's main fundraiser.

"The Chosun Gift Shop is a valuable instrument for AFSC because it generates funds to be used for academic scholarships and welfare activities," said McRee. "We are able to help students and with such projects like the Korean orphanages and homes for the elderly and disabled."

In 2004, the Chosun Gift Shop and its volunteers raised \$200,000 and donated the proceeds to scholarships and welfare activities to both Korean and American communities.

Another AFSC service is its annual publications, The Seoul Survivor, which is for incoming military and Department of the Army personnel who arrive to Korea. It is published to ease the frustration experienced by those who move from the United States to Korea.

Volunteers and members of AFSC and MOTMC receive tangible benefits from their involvement in the two organizations.

MOTMC provides opportunities for social interactions for men living in the

Yongsan.

"The MOTMC provides opportunities for men to study the Bible on Tuesday mornings," said Jay Grandin, a member of the group. "Also the members of the group encourage each other in their Christian walk and they reach out in the community through many volunteer services."

"AFSC enhances the lives of the spouses stationed here at Yongsan as well as the peninsula," said Mary Ring, AFSC vice president. "We do this through monthly luncheons hosted by AFSC, along with regular scheduled shopping trips to local markets, sponsoring educational and cultural activities."

Ring added, "We conduct annual events as well. AFSC sponsored Tour of Homes, USO Six Star Salute and a Senior Tea for graduating seniors from all four areas."

Also, both organizations help members to gain valuable job skills and experiences through their volunteer service.

"From my volunteer service I have gained leadership abilities, as well as skills in accounting and training which led me to obtain a part-time position," said Mary King, AFSC vice president.

For more information about AFSC, see its Web site at: [www.afsckorea.org/](http://www.afsckorea.org/) or e-mail [cmcree9253@aol.com](mailto:cmcree9253@aol.com).

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# Veterans Affairs outlines benefits

## Area II Public Affairs Office

The Department of Veteran's Affairs offers a variety of benefits and services to active-duty and veteran servicemembers. Listed below are a few of them.

### Disability compensation

The VA pays monthly compensation to veterans for disabilities incurred or aggravated during military service. Call 1-800-827-1000 for more information.

### Disability pension

This income based benefit is paid to veterans with honorable wartime service who are permanently and totally disabled due to nonservice connection disability (or age 65 or older). Call 1-800-827-1000 for more information

### Medical

The VA provides a wide range of health care services to veterans including treatment for military sexual trauma and for conditions possibly related to exposure to Agent Orange, ionizing radiation, and other environmental hazards in the Persian Gulf. Generally veterans must be enrolled in the VA's Health Care system to receive care.

■ Combat Veterans – the VA will provide combat veterans free health care for any illness possibly associated with service against a hostile force in a war after the Gulf War or during a period of hostility after Nov. 11, 1998. Call any VA medical facility or 1-877-222-8387 for more information.

### Dental

Veterans may receive one-time dental treatment if they were not provided treatment within 90 days before separation from active duty. The time limit does not apply to veterans with dental conditions resulting from service connected wounds or

injuries.

### Education and Training

Veterans and current servicemembers have up to 36 months of benefits for the Montgomery GI. Bill and the Veterans Educational Assistance Program. Call 1-800-442-4551.

### Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

The VA helps veterans with service-connected disabilities prepare for, find and keep suitable employment. For veterans with serious service-connected disabilities, VA also offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible. Some of the services offered are: job search, vocational evaluation, career exploration, vocational training, education training, and rehabilitation service. Call 1-800-827-1000 for more information.

### Home Loan

Veterans with qualifying service are eligible for VA home loan services including guaranteed loans for the purchase of a home, manufactured home, manufactured home and lot, certain types of condominiums, or to build, repair and improve homes. This benefit may be used to refinance an existing home loan. Certain disabled veteran's can receive grants to have their homes specially adapted to their needs. Native Americans living on Trust Land may qualify for a direct home loan. Call 1-800-827-1000 for more information

### Life Insurance

■ Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance is a low-cost life insurance for servicemembers. It is available in \$10,000 increments up to a maximum of \$250,000. SGLI coverage begins when the servicemember enters service.

■ Veterans' Group Life Insurance is renewable term life insurance for veterans. It is available in amount up to \$250,000

but not to exceed the amount of SGLI coverage in force at the time of the servicemembers's separation from service. Premiums are age-based.

■ Family Group Life Insurance is a low-cost life insurance extended to the spouse and children of servicemembers insured under SGLI. Spousal coverage is available up to a maximum of \$100,000, but may not exceed the servicemember's coverage amount. Dependent children are automatically covered for \$10,000 for which there is no cost.

■ Service-Disabled Veterans' Insurance, also called "RH" insurance, is life insurance for service-disabled veterans the basic coverage is \$10,000. A \$20,000 supplemental policy is available if premium payments for the basic policy are waived due to total disability.

■ Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance is mortgage protection insurance issued to those severally disabled veteran's who have received grants for Specially Adapted Housing from VA. Maximum coverage is \$90,000.

Call 1-800-669-8477 for more information about life insurance.

### Reemployment

The Department of Labor's Web site contains information on employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services. The site address is [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov).

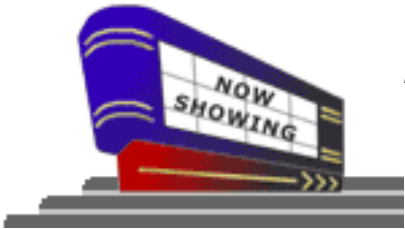
### Unemployment

The Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers is administered by the states as agents of the federal government. The Department of Labor's Web site contains links for each states benefit, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The address is [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov).

For more information, visit the VA's Website, [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

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July 16-22

# AT THE MOVIES

Location Phone No.	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22
Casey 730-7354	Van Helsing	Van Helsing	The Note Book	The Note Book	Mean Girls	Mean Girls	New York Minute
Essayons 732-9008	No Show	Kill Bill Vol. 2	No Show	13 Going on 30	Dodgeball	No Show	The Terminal
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	Dodgeball	The Terminal	Envy	Envy	No Show	13 Going on 30
Greaves 734-8388	Dodgeball	The Terminal	Dodgeball	No Show	No Show	13 Going on 30	Laws of Attraction
Henry 768-7724	13 Going on 30	New York Minute	Dodgeball	Mean Girls	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	The Terminal	The Terminal	The Note Book	Mean Girls	Mean Girls	Van Helsing	Van Helsing
Hialeah 763-370	Dodgeball	Ella Enchanted	13 Going on 30	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	Man on Fire	The Note Book	Van Helsing	Van Helsing	The Note Book	New York Minute	Mean Girls
Howze 734-5689	The Terminal	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Kill Bill Vol. 2	No Show	No Show	No Show	The Note Book

### Mean Girls



Raised in the African bush country, Cady thinks she knows about "survival of the fittest." But the law of the jungle takes on a whole new meaning when the home-schooled 15-year-old enters public high

school for the first time and falls prey to the psychological warfare and unwritten social rules that teenage girls face today.

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### The Note Book



A man reads a faded notebook to the woman he regularly visits. His words bring to life the story of a couple who are separated by World War II, then passionately reunited 7 years later, after they have taken different paths. Though

her memory has faded, his words give her the chance to relive her turbulent youth and the unforgettable love they shared.

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Kunsan 782-4987	Harry Pooter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Harry Pooter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	New York Minute	No Show	Mean Girls	Van Helsing	Van Helsing
Long 721-3407	No Show	No Show	Envy	Kill Bill Vol. 2	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	Spider Man 2	Spider Man 2	Spider Man 2	Mean Girls	Mean Girls	Van Helsing	Van Helsing
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	The Note Book	Van Helsing	Van Helsing	Mean Girls	New York Minute	No Show	Spider Man 2
Stanley 732-5565	Van Helsing	Van Helsing	Mean Girls	Mean Girls	No Show	Spider Man 2	New York Minute
Yongsan I 738-7389	Spider Man 2	Spider Man 2	Spider Man 2	Spider Man 2	Mean Girls	Mean Girls	Mean Girls
Yongsan II 738-7389	Spider Man 2	Spider Man 2	Spider Man 2	Van Helsing	Van Helsing	Van Helsing	Van Helsing
Yongsan III 738-7389	Spider Man 2	Spider Man 2	Spider Man 2	13 Going on 30	13 Going on 30	The Whole Ten Yards	The Whole Ten Yards

# Chaplain’s corner: Psalm 23 a reminder of a living Lord

**Chaplain (Capt.) Lucy Der-Garabedian**  
2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment

**CAMP HUMPHREYS**—Every Sunday morning my two brothers and I would go to my dad’s bed. He would tell us a Bible story, an adventure from his childhood and a current event related to his job, friends or church. We would then have our Sunday breakfast, go to Sunday school and church.

After worship, we would go to my grandparent’s house for the Sunday meal. It began with my grandfather’s prayer—a long prayer that would end with “Let the blessing of Abraham and Sarah be upon this household.”

We grandchildren would then gather around my grandfather. Each of us felt very

special as our school achievements were mentioned, parents reported on their children’s behavior and each child had to show what he or she had learned. Grandfather always made us feel special. He was able to praise us even during weeks when we didn’t deserve much praise.

The Sunday family time always started with the story. Each of us knew it by heart, with the emotional nuances - where my Grandfather would change his facial expression, pause and shed a few tears.

The story was Psalm 23 that his mother and grandmother taught him as a little boy. It was the only memory he had of his family.

His mother and grandmother had reared him, while his soldier-father was absent defending Armenian

villages from the Turks.

During the Armenian genocide (1890-1920), my grandfather’s mother and grandmother were killed. My grandfather witnessed the killing and he fainted. He awoke under the corpse of his mother and next to his grandmother.

He escaped and crossed the desert crying and rehearsing Psalm 23. After the story was told, each of us had to rehearse Psalm 23 and then tell our stories.

When my grandfather was near death, we were all gathered around. He said, “Perlant, let us rehearse Psalms 23 together.” It was a somber time.

Grandfather struggled to bring the familiar words out of his throat but then something happened that transformed the

sentiment of the room.

My grandfather, with renewed energy, lifted his head, and, with a big smile and a clear voice, said, “My mother, grandmother, the Good Shepherd, and the host of saints are here to take me home.”

I felt the transforming presence and healing presence of the Good Shepherd. Our family was empowered, encouraged and consoled. My grandfather’s experience, at his transitional moment, helped us to focus and celebrate the power of resurrection, in midst of the cross experience.

The continuity of the story was and is a powerful reality for me, for my family and my church community. It will always be a reminder that I belong to a living Lord and that I am part of the larger Church.

## Area III Worship Services

### Protestant

Lutheran	Sunday	8 a.m.	Freedom Chapel
Collective		10 a.m.	Suwon Air Base
		10:30 a.m.	Camp Eagle
Collective		10:30 a.m.	Zoeckler Chapel
Collective		11 a.m.	Freedom Chapel
		12:30 p.m.	Camp Long

Gospel	Sunday	1 p.m.	Freedom Chapel
Later-day Saints		4 p.m.	Freedom Chapel
Contemporary		6 p.m.	Freedom Chapel
Korean		7 p.m.	Camp Long

### Catholic

Mass	Daily	11:45a.m.	Freedom Chapel
Mass	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Freedom Chapel

Mass	Sunday	1 p.m.	Suwon Air Base
Mass		4 p.m.	Camp Long
Mass		5:15 p.m.	Camp Eagle

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# Discovering Korean culture: Then...

Story, photos by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

**GYEONGJU** — The Republic of Korea is a land of rich culture and tradition, from its humble beginnings to the thriving industrial giant it is today. One hundred twenty American servicemembers from across the peninsula got a chance to experience that culture in a three-day tour sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs.

The U.S. Forces Korea personnel, selected from among the best Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors serving here, began their trip July 7 with a tour through Gyeongju City. Gyeongju, once the seat of the ancient Silla dynasty, is now called the “museum without walls” because of the tombs and historic relics visible throughout the city. Servicemembers visited Tumuli Park, the burial grounds of the rulers of Silla, where they were able to tour the excavated tomb of King Miichu.

From Tumuli, the tour stopped at the Gyeongju National Museum, home of the Divine Bell of King Seongdeok. The bell is the largest bronze bell in Korea and, when struck, could be heard up to 60 kilometers away.

After a night in the luxurious Hotel Hyundai on the Bomun Lake resort, the group visited Seokgulam Grotto, famous for its large gold Buddha statue, and Bulguksa Temple, the ROK’s most famous Buddhist temple. In the afternoon, the servicemembers got a taste of modern Korea while touring the Hyundai Motor Company and Hyundai Heavy Industry Co. plants at Ulsan.

The last day of the tour was spent in the Korean Folk Village at Suwan, followed by an appreciation dinner at the Seoul Hilton Hotel where the tour members were joined by distinguished members of the ROK government and U.S. Forces Korea.

In his remarks at the dinner, Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, U.S. Forces Korea chief of staff and 8th Army commander, thanked the ministry for sponsoring the tour.

“It is through events like this that we build and strengthen what is one of the world’s greatest and most enduring alliances,” he said.

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## ...and now



Above: The Sokgyemun, or traditional entrance to the grounds of Bulguksa Temple, is 33 steps and leads to the Jahamun, or Mauve Mist Gate. The temple was one of the servicemembers favorite stops on the tour.

Left: American servicemembers look at an engine display as part of the Hyundai Motor Co. tour. Touring the Hyundai plants in Ulsan showed servicemembers the industrial, modern side of the Republic of Korea.

Below: Army Sgt. Armando Gurule, Company D, 58th Aviation Brigade, climbs the steps to Anyangmun, the Pure Land Gate, at Bulguksa Temple.

Right: The roof of Seokgulam Grotto peeks through the trees.



Army Pfc. Andrew Colburn, Company C, 168th Medical Battalion, carefully adds a stone to the top of a rock pyramid near a pagoda at Bulguksa Temple. Popular myth holds that making a wish while placing the rock will make that wish come true; visitors to the temple have created several pyramids (above).





### Pool Tournament

Yongsan will be having an eight-ball tournament at the Community Activities Building Saturday and Sunday. Call 725-6070 for more information.

### Battle of the Bands Contest

Yongsan will be the site of a battle of the bands contest July 24. Call 723-8502 or 723-8510 for more information.

### Weight Loss Support Group

Yongsan Weight Support Group is now accepting new members. The group is a free weight loss support group offering exercise and workout options, healthy eating support and weight loss support. E-mail nannyhere@yahoo.com or call 011-9699-7064 for membership information.

### Bowling Bucks

Throughout July, earn "Bowling Bucks" with every purchase of \$5 or more at local bowling centers in Area I. Prizes include 36-inch Striker Dolls or seven-day resort vacation package. For more information contact a local bowling center.

### Yongsan Batting Cage Championships

Now is the time for softball players to hone their batting skills at the Family Fun Park Batting Cages. Cash prizes will be offered to first and second place male and female batting champions in youth and adult divisions. The concept is simple. Just visit the batting cages between now and the Aug. 28 championships to practice hitting targets on the fence. For more information, call 738-4190.

### Auto Show

The Yongsan Auto Crafts Center will conduct an Auto Show on Sept. 18. The show will feature a variety of cars competing for bragging rights and cash prizes in the categories of best paint, interior, engine compartment and best overall. This event will feature lots of food, music, prize drawings and vendors. Participants from all over the peninsula are invited to bring their car and compete. For more information, call 738-5315 or 738-5419.

## Smile for the camera MWR contest has 'photo finish'

Story by Mike Mooney  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** – The Army's first digital photo contest was a "great success," said Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center Director Jim Hogrebe, and "will become a permanent part of the Camp Humphreys MWR program.

"I can't say I'm surprised at the interest level," Hogrebe said. "We felt there was a lot of interest in digital photography when we came up with the concept. I really think the Army needs to take another look at a digital division in its annual photo contest. This year, they eliminated the slides category but declined to add the digital category. Digital photography is the future."

Entries came from all areas of Korea – from the DMZ to Pusan. And, Hogrebe added, "the contest could have been even bigger. We got about 50 entries after the contest had already been judged."

There were three categories in the contest: People & Such, Places to Go and Things to Do. Individuals were allowed to enter up to three digital photos in each category.

Herb Hart, a civilian at Camp Humphreys, won the People and Such Division, with Sebastian Sciotti of Camp Humphreys winning Places to Go and Chris Mastromarino, also of Camp Humphreys, winning Things to Do.

"When the digital photo craze first started, cameras were difficult to use, expensive and didn't really take very good picture," Hogrebe said. "But now, the digital cameras are reasonably priced, have good lenses and are exceptionally easy to use. So we felt it was time to see how good people can use them."

The concept for the Digital PhotoFest was originally created by Korea Augmentation to the U.S. Army Sgt. Lee Han-jin as a Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers project. However, the time element was too short and couldn't be accomplished before Lee's discharge. Hogrebe decided to grab the idea and keep it

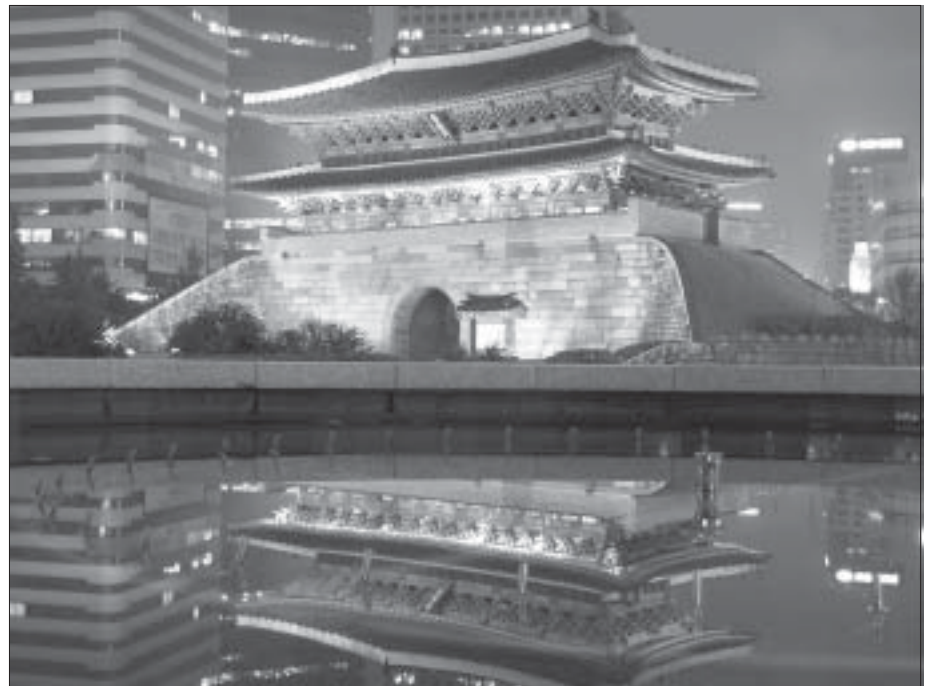


PHOTO BY DANIEL LOVE

"Namdaemun" took second place in this year's photo contest held May 1 through June 27.

alive.

"Sergeant Lee put a lot of thought and a lot of work into his idea for the photo contest," Hogrebe said, "and I want to thank him for his creativity."

The PhotoFest ran from May 1 through June 27. Winners were announced at the Camp Humphreys July Fourth festival, with all the entries on display.

"We got some great, great photos," Hogrebe said. "Not surprisingly, there's a lot of talent out there."

The results of the contest were as follows:

**People & Such** – 1-Herb Hart (Fallen Comrade), 2-Daniel Love (Namdemun), 3-Robert Kurtis (CH-47), Honorable Mention – Kim Un-Mi, Jung Seun-mi, Kim Taek-hyun and Love

**Places to Go** – 1-Sebastian Sciotti (Evening Sunset), 2-Lee Han-jin (Reflection), 3-Michael Anderson (Peaceful Crack), Honorable Mention – Noah Vaughan, Michael Anderson

**Things to Do** – 1-Chris Mastromarino (Watching), 2-Jang Seung-mo (Combined Forces), 3-Chris Mastromarino (Painting in the Snow), Honorable Mention – Sebastian Sciotti, Jung In-bae, Michael Anderson



PHOTO BY HERB HART

"Fallen Comrade" won the People and Such category.



PHOTO BY CHRIS MASTROMARINO

"Watching" won the Things to Do category.



PHOTO BY JANG SEUNG-MO

"Combined Forces" took second place in the Things to Do category.

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## Loyal bowlers to be rewarded, 'cooled off' this summer

Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office

**YONGSAN** — Visiting an Army bowling center may be a good way to cool off this summer. During July and August, it's also a way to get some merchandise from the Professional Bowlers Association.

PBA stamp cards and prizes are available to all authorized patrons, while supplies last.

Those who bowl 12 games may choose a bowling pin bank or bowling towel and 25 games can earn participants a nylon single bowling ball bag.

Quantities of prizes are limited.

Bowlers may ask about holding unit or group parties or other team-building events at the center.

Bowling center parties are great for kids and the staffs can offer suggestions for other events ranging from funky anniversaries to corporate or family picnics, said Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials. They can also provide resources for ordering party goods and gifts that make your special occasion something really special.

Don't forget to ask about fall leagues and other upcoming promotions, added MWR officials.



*Cheonan City Mayor Sung Moo-yong bows in honor of 98 American Soldiers who died July 8, 1950, in the battle of Cheonan.*



*Pfc. Jason Augustine places a white chrysanthemum to honor American Soldiers who died during the Battle of Cheonan.*

## Cheonan remembers fallen Americans

Price of freedom recalled each year

Story, photos by Steve Davis  
Area III Public Affairs Office

**CHEONAN** — As Pfc. Jason Augustine gently placed a white chrysanthemum on the Battle of Cheonan monument July 8, the thought of fallen American Soldiers filled his mind.

“I was thinking about the Soldiers who died at Cheonan and every other place in the world,” said Augustine.

Cheonan City and Korea Freedom League guests were focused on the sacrifice of 98 U.S. Soldiers who died defending Cheonan against a massive North Korean onslaught July 8, 1950.

The situation report had been grim. The Korean War had begun on June 25, and the North Korean army had pushed south. By July 5, the 540-man American Task Force Smith hastily sent from Japan had assumed a defensive position near Osan. Lacking anti-tank weapons and outflanked by North Korean forces, the task force had lost 200 Soldiers and most of its equipment. Task Force Smith broke into a disorganized retreat.

On July 6, 1950, the 34th Regiment, part of the U.S. 24th Infantry Division, fought delaying actions at and around Pyeongtaek and Cheonan and engaged

the North Korean army in a fierce five-day battle for Chochi-wan.

On July 8, Col. Robert R. Martin and 97 other members of the 34th Regiment were killed in action while defending Cheonan against an overwhelming North Korean onslaught that battled south to Daejeon.

Martin, 48, from Toledo, Ohio, was posthumously awarded the first Distinguished Service Cross given for action in the Korean War. In Korea for only 14 days, he had been killed while attacking a North Korean tank 12 yards away with a bazooka.

***“Today, through the sacrifices of those 98 and other Americans, Korea stands strong and prosperous.”***

— Cheonan City Mayor Sung Moo-yong

Each year at Martin Park, built on land donated by Cheonan City near the battle site, a memorial ceremony is held to honor the sacrifice of Martin and his men.

Korean and American Soldiers, dignitaries, citizens, patriots and guests gather to honor the fallen.

This year’s ceremony included speeches by Cheonan City Mayor Sung Moo-yong, Col. Richard A. Rhodes on behalf of Gen. Leon J. LaPorte and Korea Freedom League Cheonan Chapter President Song Young-kyu, who spearheaded the project to build Martin Park.

“On July 8th, 1950, 98 American Soldiers from the U.S. Army’s 24th Infantry Division came to Cheonan, Korea, far from their homes to fight against the communist North Korean regime,” said Song. “They came with little or no information about the area and the enemy they faced. Yet they courageously gave their lives for the cause.”

“Today we understand that our lives are safer and happier due to the sacrifices of these fallen Americans, he said. “We must always remember the spirit of these American heroes and help our younger generation to understand and admire it.”

To show continuing appreciation for America’s contribution to peace and security, the Korea Freedom League Cheonan Chapter took the American Soldiers to lunch and to Independence Hall, seven exhibition halls showing Korea’s struggle to end Japanese dominance on the peninsula before the Korean War after 35 years of colonial rule.

The tour hit a mark with the young American Soldiers.

“It’s sad,” said Pfc. Nadine Jerome of the 520th Maintenance Company. “I didn’t realize that so many Koreans had died for independence and in the Korean War.”

Tens of thousands of Korean citizens reportedly died during Korea’s struggle for independence. More than 36,000 Americans Soldiers and more than 227,000 Korean Soldiers died in the Korean War.



*Cheonan City Choir members sing “Amazing Grace,” one of several songs they performed during the solemn ceremony.*



*Camp Humphreys Soldiers salute during the observance. Eighty-four Camp Humphreys Soldiers attended the ceremony.*



*Cheonan City Mayor Sung Moo-yong, left, and Korea Freedom League Cheonan Chapter President Song Young-kyu honor the dead.*

## NEWS & NOTES

### Equal Opportunity

An Equal Opportunity Representative course will be conducted July 26-Aug. 4 at the Distance Learning Center on Camp Humphreys. The course trains Soldiers selected to be unit EEO representatives. For more information, call 753-6527.

### Interviewing Class

Learn the hard questions during an interviewing techniques class that will be held Tuesday at the Camp Humphreys Army Community Service in Building 311. The class covers how to interview, how to dress and what prospective employers look for during an interview. Class size is limited to 15. For more information, call LaVita Vincent at 753-8321.

### School Physicals

Annual school physicals will be conducted at the Camp Humphreys Health Clinic 1-4 p.m. July 27. Students of all ages are welcome. It is recommended that the student wear a swim suit under regular clothes for ease of examination. Parents should bring student's medical and shot records and know the student's height and weight. For more information, call 753-8657.

### Babysitting Class

A Babysitting certification class will be held from 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday-Thursday. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call the American Red Cross at 753-7172.

### ACS Birthday Celebration

Army Community Service will celebrate its 39th birthday between 11 a.m.-3 p.m. July 23 in conjunction with Volunteer of the Quarter presentations. There will be games, music and food in from of the Camp Humphreys ACS, Building 311. Everyone is welcome.

### Spouse Orientation about the Republic

A two-day Spouse Orientation to the Republic workshop will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 26-27 at the conference room in building 252 at Camp Humphreys. The workshop covers community resources and Korean customs, culture and language. For more information, call 753-8782.

### Safety Training Course

A unit safety officer and noncommissioned officer training course will be conducted July 19-23 in Building 1078. The class is limited to the first 35 applicants. Applicants must be E-5 or above and have at least nine months remaining in country. For more information, call 753-6000 or e-mail Sinh@korea.army.mil.

### Financial Readiness

Mandatory financial readiness training is conducted the first and second Tuesday of each month from 8 a.m.-noon at Camp Humphreys Army Community Service, Building 311. For more information, call 753-8401

### Correction

Last week's story about the July 4th celebration misstated that Camp Humphreys had opened its gates to the Korean community for the first time. The post has actually invited the community to America's birthday celebration many times, but not in recent years due to security concerns following the Sept. 11 terrorism attacks.



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

Joseph Edwards pins Wesley Wilcom during the Area III Wrestling championship June 26

## Wrestlers grapple for success

### Area III Sports

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — Twenty-three wrestlers grappled for success June 26 during the Area III wrestling championship at the Camp Humphreys post gym.

The results:

Women's 187-pound class: first, Ana English, 557th Military Police Company; second, Vanessa Wilson, Company C, 52nd Aviation Regiment

Men's under 152-pound class: first, Brian Yoder, Osan Air Base; second Andrew Lopez, 249th Military Police Detachment.

Men's 152.1- to 170-pound class: first, Anthony Edmonds, 348th Quartermaster Company; Joseph Edwards, Camp Page.

Men's 171.1- to 187-pound class: first, Mark Orlando, 557th Military Police Company; second, Clinton Logan, Company B, 532nd Military Intelligence Company.

Men's 187.1- to 193-pound class: first, James Degroat, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment; second, Eli Espericueta, Headquarter and Headquarters Troop, 6th Cavalry Brigade.

Men's 187.1- to 213-pound class: first, Antiwan Tarpley, 249th Military Police Company; second, William Leatherberry, 46th Transportation Company.

Men over 213-pound class: first, Joseph Junod II, 348th Quartermaster Company, second, Brandon Riley, 348th Quartermaster Company.

Youth Class: first, Matt McRee; second, Greg Fellows.



Vanessa Wilson and Ana English get tough during women's division competition. Wilson and English were the only two women competing.



Gabriel Bartolomei, left, goes after Mark Orlando during the Area III Wrestling Championship June 26 at Camp Humphreys.

## Sergeant Major Softball



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

Korean and American command sergeants major and outstanding Soldiers and airmen selected by the Sergeants Major Association from Area III units mix it up June 30 as the two teams battled for softball bragging rights. The results were classified. All the senior NCOs would say is that one team "pounded" the other. No names, only congratulations, were given before and after the friendly softball game.



## Runners brave rain at Firecracker 10K

### Area III Sports

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — Despite wind gusts and rain showers from Typhoon Mindulle, 32 runners turned out July 4 for the Firecracker 10-kilometer run.

Results were:

Women seniors: first, Brenda Young.

Women's open: first, Sarah Pearson, 48:11; second, Shandah Marnoch, 53:15; third, Rebecca Choi, 54:26.

Men's master: first, Robert Kacmarski, 45:29; Jeong Sang-hoon, 45:54; third, Nick Delnero, 48:07.

Men's senior: first, Larry Rdiall, 41:48; second Richard Morrison, 43:07; third, Fernando Marquez, 43:15.

Men's open: first, Jang Yong-sik, 42:03; second, Rande Rodrigues, 43:11.

Winners of the partner run were Rebecca Choi and Jang Yong-sik. They had a combined time of 1:30:29.

## Warrant officers change insignia

Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS**—Ninety-three warrant officers exchanged the Warrant Officer Corps' "Eagle Rising" collar insignia July 9 for individual service branch insignia during ceremonies conducted by the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment and the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade.

Because of an Armywide policy change, all warrant officers will now wear the insignia of their individual branch upon completion of specific branch technical qualifications.

As a reminder of the proud heritage and traditions of the warrant officer corps, however, warrant officer candidates and junior warrant officers will continue to wear the "Eagle Rising" insignia unit until completion of their branch basic technical



*Col. Peter W. Foreman talks to 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade Soldiers after a warrant officer branch insignia pinning ceremony. He urged the squadron's warrant officer to maintain the warrant officer branch tradition of training and leading Soldiers.*



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

*Maj. Tom Jessee pins aviation insignia on Warrant Officer 1 Thomas B. Hayes at the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment ceremony.*

courses.

During 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment ceremonies in the post theater, Company A commander Maj. Tom Jessee ceremoniously pinned new branch insignia on the unit's senior and junior warrant officers, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Duane Oldfather and Warrant Officer 1 Thomas B. Hayes, at a formation of unit warrant officers on stage. The battalion pinned 54 warrant officers in all.

At a ceremony in front of the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade hangar, 6th Cavalry Brigade Commander Col. Peter W. Foreman pinned branch insignia on Chief Warrant Officer 3 Rob Kelly, the brigade's senior warrant officer and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Steve Grady, the squadron's senior warrant. Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Bernie Banks pinned Chief Warrant Officer 4 Steve Grady, the squadron's senior warrant officer. Troop commanders then pinned insignia on warrant officers in ranks.

Thirty-nine of the 6th Cavalry Brigade warrant officers pinned were in the 3rd Squadron. Ten were at headquarters.



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

*Soldiers from the 6th Ordnance Battalion, left, take on Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Maintenance Battalion during the litter carry event.*

## Support group holds organization day

Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS**—The 23rd Area Support Group held its annual organization day July 9 at Soldiers Park with games, a cookout and family activities.

The day was filled with fierce, but friendly, competition in such events as the stretcher carry, the three-legged race, touch football, softball. Event winners were: **Three-legged race:** Company C, 52nd Aviation Regiment. **Volleyball:** 520th Maintenance Company. **Tug-of-War:** Company C, 52nd Aviation Regiment. **Litter Carry:** 348th Quartermaster Company. **Horseshoes:** Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 194th Maintenance Battalion. **Softball:** Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 194th Maintenance Battalion. It was a clean sweep by the 194th Maintenance Battalion.

The football game was played just for the fun of it, said organizers, so everyone got bragging rights.



*Spc. Ruben Bieller, left, and Staff Sgt. Chris Monsulick team up for the three-legged race.*



*2nd Lt. Jason Kalow runs the ball during a touch football game at the organization day.*

## 20th ASG bids farewell to Joyner, welcomes Washington

Story by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP WALKER** — The 20th Area Support Group welcomed a new commander as Col. George K. Washington assumed command from Col. James M. Joyner during a change of command ceremony July 8 at Camp Walker's Kelly Field.

Washington's most recent assignment was as the director of Combat Developments Transportation with U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command at Fort Lee, Va. This is his first tour in the Republic of Korea.

Joyner returns to Fort Lee, where he will be the chief of staff for CASCOM.

Joyner assumed command of the 20th Support Group on July 10, 2002. On Oct. 16, 2003, the 20th Support Group's base was reassigned to the newly activated Area IV Support Activity with Joyner serving simultaneously as the commander for both units. Col. Donald J. Hendrix will assume command of the Area IV Support Activity on Aug. 5.

"This is truly a bittersweet day for me," said Joyner. "I'm gratified by what has been accomplished the past two years, but I am also sad to be leaving all of you. This was an outstanding assignment, but I depart knowing I'm leaving both units in the best of hands. It's been an honor and privilege to command the best area support group in Korea and to serve as the commander of Area IV: the best place to live, work and play in the Republic of Korea."

During Joyner's tenure, the 20th ASG established a military-to-military partnership with the Republic of Korea Army's 501st Brigade. The unit also initiated a five-day English Camp for 11th-grade high school students from metropolitan Daegu City. Joyner also created a community relations council with Korean community leaders from Daegu to improve cross-cultural communication and interaction between the Korean and American communities. One of his most successful community relations programs is the University Students Volunteer Program, which began



Col. James M. Joyner, Maj. Gen. Jeanette K. Edmunds, and Col. George K. Washington (left to right) salute during the playing of the United States and Korean national anthems during the 20th Area Support Group change of command July 8 at Camp Walker.

with Kyungpook National University and is expanding to include others.

"While we clearly have much to be proud of, the success of my command had little to do with me," said Joyner. "It has to do with the outstanding people who worked with me daily to ensure the 20th Support Group remains tactically and technically proficient."

Joyner also initiated numerous quality of life projects during his command in Area IV including 29 projects for new barracks construction and the barracks upgrade program, which will significantly improve Soldiers' living spaces within the next three years, and several recreational facilities upgrade, highlighted by the construction of a new state-of art fitness center at Camp Carroll.

"I am so excited about assuming command of the 20th Area Support Group," Washington said during the change of command. "If you notice the extra excitement in my voice, a bigger hop, skip and bounce in my step, I am normal — however, I am charged and ready. I look forward to the challenge of command and the opportunity to lead Soldiers."

Washington was commissioned in the Transportation Corps in 1979 upon graduation from Virginia State

University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He also earned a master's degree in Business Administration from Saint Martin's College.

He has served in a variety of command and staff positions including platoon leader with the 233rd Transportation Company (Heavy Truck) at Fort Bliss, Texas; commander, Company B, 4th Support Battalion (Main) in Wuerzburg, Germany; chief, Operations Center of Military Traffic Management Command Western Area in Oakland, Calif.; division transportation officer, 1st Infantry Division and battalion executive officer for the 201st Support Battalion (Forward) at Fort Riley, Kan.; commander, 6th Transportation Battalion, Fort Eustis, Va.; chief, Army Directorate and chief, Agreements and Operations Directorate with the Office of Defense Cooperation Turkey in Ankara, Turkey, and others.

Washington's military education includes the Transportation Basic and Advanced Courses, Strategic Mobility Planning Course, Airborne School, Supply and Service Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and Industrial College of the Armed Forces where he earned a master's degree in national resource strategy.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and others.

The 20th ASG is one of three area support groups operating under the direction of the 19th Theater Support Command. Headquartered at Camp Henry in Daegu the group's mission is to provide combat service support in the lower third of the ROK.



Col. James M. Joyner (right), outgoing 20th Area Support Group commander, troops the line for the last time during his change of command at Camp Walker July 8. With him are Col. George Washington, incoming 20th ASG commander, and Lt. Col. Brian Imiola, 20th ASG deputy commander.

## NEWS & NOTES

### **Polynesian Dance Performance**

Maohi Nui, a Polynesian dance team, will be performing 8 p.m. Saturday at the Evergreen Club at Camp Walker. Optional dinner starts 5:30 p.m. and the door opens for the performance 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call Mr. Andre Thirkill at 764-4060. For more information, call Luis Rios at 768-7418.

### **Offsite Consular and Immigration Services in Daegu**

U.S. Embassy officers will be in Daegu at the Hotel Inter-Burgo 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to provide consular services. American citizens who wish to file applications or get more information about passports, Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, federal benefits, voting information and notary services may come in during this time. For more information, check out their website at [www.asktheconsul.org](http://www.asktheconsul.org).

### **Force Protection Training Alert**

The 188th Military Police Company will be conducting force protection training and operations at Camps Walker, Henry and George Monday-July 23 and July 26-30. During this period, military police will be carrying weapons and sounding alarms. Do not be alarmed. For more information, call the Military Police desk at 764-5408.

### **Taegu Commissary Early Bird Shopping**

The Taegu Commissary will be conducting a test on early bird shopping Tuesday-Sept. 21. Early bird shopping will be 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays only. Shopping will be limited to 10 items or fewer during those times. For more information, call Celine Ruiz at 764-5311.

### **Area IV Taxi Service**

Area IV taxi service in Daegu will be temporarily suspended 9 a.m. to midnight July 26. Regular taxi service will be available 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. to accommodate morning commuters. It will then be suspended until midnight when normal service will resume. For more information, call Chung Young-kon at 768-6907.

### **Area IV Women's Equality Day Celebration**

The 19th Theater Support Command Equal Opportunity Office and the 20th Support Group Equal Opportunity office are hosting the Area IV Women's Equality Day celebration 11:30 a.m. Aug. 3 at the Evergreen Club at Camp Walker. The guest speaker is Carol McGee. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Monte Tartt at 768-6764 or Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Buxton at 768-8542.

### **Cyber Cafe Closure**

The Camp Walker Cyber Café is closed while the Community Activity Center is renovated. For more information, call Chong Chu-yung at 768-7383.

### **Tour and Travel Service and Car Rental Shop Relocation**

The Camp Walker Tour and Travel Service and Car Rental Shop has been moved to the container located next to the Camp Walker Post Exchange. For more information, call Chong Chu-yung at 768-7383.

## K-2 wins back-to-back championships

Story, photos by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

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**CAMP WALKER** — The 2004 Area IV company level softball championship took place July 8-10 at Kelly Field.

Six teams from the area participated in the double-elimination tournament. The 607th Support Squadron, stationed at K-2 Air Base in Daegu, defended its championship after defeating the 552nd Military Police Company from Camp Hialeah 8-3 in the final game.

"We had a lot of fun," said Karl Cooper, head coach for the 607th Support Squadron. "Everyone in the team gave good effort and showed a lot of heart. I am really glad to win (the championship) two years in a row."

The top two teams will move on to the 8th Army championship, which is slated for July 28-31 in Seoul.



(Above) John Jennings, 552nd Military Police Company, anticipates a play to drive him home from third base.

(Right) Charles Brown, 57th Military Police Company, slides into third base while Richard Byrum, 552nd Military Police Company, tries to protect the base during the semifinal game.



Mario Sandoval, 57th Military Police Company, pitches with a dramatic facial expression during the semifinal game against the 552nd Military Police Company.

(Right) Darryl Chandler, Kelly Gym facility director, calls a strike during the final game.



## 168th Medical Battalion welcomes new commander

Story by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP WALKER** — The 168th Medical Battalion (Area Support) welcomed a new leader as Lt. Col. Ronald E. Smith, Jr. turned over control to Lt. Col. Benita A. McLarin in a change of command ceremony held July 9 at Kelly Field.

McLarin came from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., where she served as the director of Health Plan Management Division at the TRICARE Office of the Lead Agent.

Smith is being assigned to the 67th Combat Support Hospital in Wuertzberg, Germany, as the deputy commander for clinical services.

McLarin enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve and completed basic training in 1980. After graduating from high school in 1981, she went on to complete her advanced individual training as a medic and pharmacy technician.

She was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Washington University in 1984. She continued to serve actively in the United States Army Reserve until she entered active duty service in the Medical Service Corps in 1986.

McLarin has served in a variety of positions including

medical planner for the Joint Task Force Bravo Medical Element in Honduras; company commander in Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; division medical operations officer, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., during Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia and others.

McLarin's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the NATO Medal, the Saudi Arabia and Kuwaiti Liberation Medals, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation and the Expert Field Medical Badge.

Her civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., a Master of Health Administration degree from Chapman University and a Master of Science degree from the Harvard University School of Public Health, Boston, Mass. Her military education includes Command and General Staff College and the Air War College.

The 168th Medical Battalion (Area Support) provides combat health and preventive medical support in the Korea theater of operations.

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## 23rd Chemical Battalion changes commanders

### Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP CARROLL** — The only forward-deployed chemical battalion in the U.S. Army held a change of command ceremony on Camp Carroll's Story Field July 1.

Lt. Col. William E. King IV assumed command of the 23rd Chemical Battalion from Lt. Col. William M. Barnett IV.

King comes to the Republic of Korea from the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., where he was the chemical biological, radiological, and nuclear defense synchronization staff officer for the restructuring of the Army.

Barnett assumed command of the battalion on June 28, 2002. He will relocate to Washington, D.C., where he will become an organization integrator staff officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.

King holds a Bachelor of Science

degree in Chemistry from the University of Richmond.

He also earned masters' of Military Arts and Science degrees in General Military Studies and another in Military Space Applications from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. King earned a third master's degree in Theater Operations and Planning from the U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies.

Some of his assignments include smoke platoon leader and executive officer for the 46th Chemical Company (Smoke Generator), S1 and adjutant for 2nd Chemical Battalion, and aide-de-camp for the III Corps deputy commanding general at Fort Hood, Texas. King also served as the chemical



King

training officer for the 24th Infantry Division, operations and plans officer for the Division Support Command, and as company commander for the 91st Chemical Company at Fort Stewart, Ga.

His previous tour in the ROK was as chief plans officer for the 8th Army (G3) at Yongsan Garrison.

Following his only tour in the ROK, King was reassigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he served as the chemical division's concept branch chief for the Directorate of Combat Developments at the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center, and as the 84th Chemical Battalion executive officer.

King is a graduate of the Chemical Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Combined Arms Service Staff School, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies, Army Force

Management College, and Airborne and Air Assault Schools.

Among his numerous awards and decorations are the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters. He also earned the Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Army Staff Badge.

The 23rd Chemical Battalion provides nuclear, biological and chemical decontamination support for all United States and ROK forces, and key facilities from Seoul south throughout the peninsula.

In a contingency, the battalion would provide NBC decontamination to other United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and ROK units, as required.

Its motto is "Moong Chi Ja", or two joined as one, which reflects its composition of U.S. and ROK Soldiers.

## Army and Air Force Exchange Service Saves Troops Money

### Army and Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

**DALLAS** — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service saves military customers money.

That's the news from AAFES officials, who recently unveiled the value story behind the post exchange benefit.

For the past 108 years, AAFES mission has been to

provide quality merchandise and services at uniformly low prices. And to make sure customers do save money everyday, AAFES employs a variety of checks and balances to keep prices low at locations around the world.

AAFES negotiates with vendors to drive the cost of merchandise down to pass savings on to customers and deploys five programs to ensure that the exchange

provides the best value:

**1. Surveying prices nationally** - A comparison study that compared prices nationally recently confirmed what many military customers have long known: AAFES saves service members money by offering lower prices everyday. A national independent market basket survey of AAFES prices compared to See **AAFES** on Page 28

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similar retailers revealed that AAFES prices are, on average, 21.89 percent lower than comparable retailers. Military customers can see the savings for themselves at aafes.com.

**2. Surveying prices locally** - AAFES' Just Compare program ensures prices on name brand items are lower than local retailers. Every AAFES location compares the prices of 150 most popular name brand items with local competition and adjusts prices accordingly at least once a month.

**3. Sales, clearance items and price cuts** - Just like any other retailer, every week AAFES offers sales, clearance events and price cuts where everyday low prices are reduced further.

**4. "We'll match it!"** - In the unlikely event that customers still find a lower price, AAFES offers a "We'll match it!" program to ensure military customers always receive the lowest price. If AAFES' price difference is less than \$5, customers just tell the cashier and the price will be adjusted on the spot. If it's over \$5, customers show an ad to the store manager and the price will be adjusted accordingly. There are some

exceptions to the "We'll Match It!" program: exclusions include clearance items, catalogs, Internet, fine jewelry, commissary, BXmart/CXmart/CX prices, AAFES concessionaire prices, mail-in or instant rebates and double or triple coupons.

**5. No sales tax** - Enlisted service members such as AAFES' Strategic Marketing NCO Staff Sgt. Heatherann Bozeman know that everyday is "No Tax Day" at the exchange. "You save money on every purchase, and especially on high ticket purchases" said Bozeman. "For example some states boast sales tax rates as high as 9 percent. Troops shopping their exchange in those states save more than \$9 for every \$100 they spend."

From Fort Bliss to Barksdale to Baghdad, AAFES offers consistent worldwide low pricing on merchandise.

"The price you pay for a candy bar in Iraq is the same as the price you will find at your stateside Exchange," said AAFES' Commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost. "AAFES understands that prices should be low regardless of geographic location."

## On guard



PHOTO BY SGT. JEREMIAH JOHNSON

Soldiers provide security while a member of the Iraqi National Guard cuts through a chain link fence during a search for illegal weapons in Mosul, Iraq. The Soldiers are assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division's Company C, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment (Stryker Brigade Combat Team).